



# English Learners Newsletter

## February 2022



### The Importance of Reading

#### Purposes of reading

- To gain information
- For fun and enjoyment

#### Early Literacy Skills

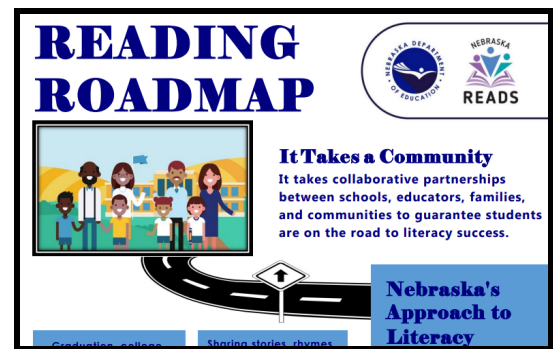
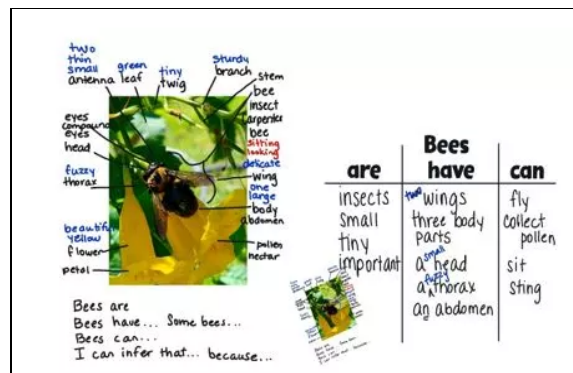
- Alphabet knowledge
- Phonological and Phonemic Awareness
- Vocabulary and High Frequency Words

#### Authentic Experiences

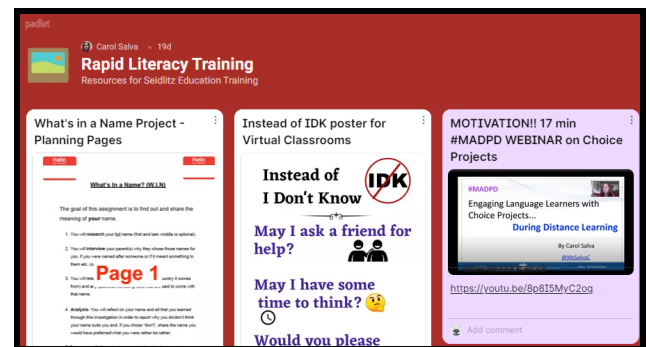
- [Language Experience Approach](#) (LEA)

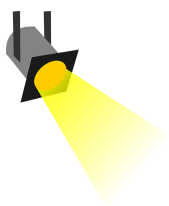


- [Picture Word Inductive Model](#) (PWIM)



- [Rapid Literacy for SLIFE with Carol Salva](#)





## Spotlight: Lexia English in Kearney

Lexia English is an adaptive blended learning program that supports emergent bilingual students through academic conversations.

Kearney has been using this program and a few educators have shared their thoughts.



*"The speech recognition system provides students with immediate feedback. The individualized lesson plans guide the instruction and inform the teachers what skills in the program students have not mastered. For younger students, it's important to teach them how to use the headset/microphone properly."* Ting Zou, Central Elementary School, Kearney Public Schools.

*"This past year KPS invested in Lexia Core and Lexia English. Using both programs simultaneously has allowed for additional data analysis and review of student process consistently across our district. The program is adaptable and incorporates individual learning pathways for students. The teacher, building, and district is simple and produces actionable data for ensuring academic success and progress."* - Dr. Chelsea Feusner, Director of PK-5 Education KPS

## Grant Awards \$2.92 Million for Nebraska PD for ELs: Project ASSETS [Press Release](#)

[Supporting ELs in the Content Areas](#) - Please visit our updated website page for resources to support English learners in math, science, and ELA. Teachers can find examples of lessons and strategies that highlight language development as well as the content area knowledge and skills. The [ELP and Math Alignment](#) includes links to a lesson planning template, rubrics, and grade level activities. The [ELP and Science Alignment](#) has specific lesson examples created by a team of science and EL teachers. The [ELP and ELA Alignment](#) contains a variety of strategies for reading, writing, and reciprocal communication for every grade span.

## Additional Resources

- NDE Reading Resources: [Reading Roadmap](#), [Read at Home Plan](#), [Family Resources](#) (multiple languages)
- ELPA21 Online Test Administrator Modules for the Summative Assessment (Sign up [With Google/Without Google](#))
- Readworks: <https://www.readworks.org/>
- Free Translating App: <https://www.tarjim.ly/en>



**Questions:** Please contact us with any questions or concerns regarding your EL students or program.



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